

Federal Communications Commission

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SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 02-6 – Request for Appeal and/or Waiver filed by Lafourche Parish School District,  
BEN 139228, FRN 2805674, SLC Invoice 2427679: (Funding Year 2015)

On December 5, 2016 USAC conducted a Payment Quality Assurance Audit (PQA) # SL-2016-09-Case-354. The Audit was based on a single payment for wiring at a school site in Lafourche Parish School District.

During the audit the District provided all documentation requested. The Audit was for the installation of 41 Category 6 drops at one school site.

Asset ledgers and maps showing the location drops were submitted. The maps showed 44 drops were installed and the service provider billed for 41 drops. The reviewer did not indicate the need for the District to produce documentation to show payment of the extra drops or concern about the extra drops.

On September 19, 2017, almost a year later. An email was received by the district with the following excerpt:

“As part of the PQA assessment process, we noted that Lafourche Parish School Board's service provider bills did not support the undiscounted amount of the disbursement under review. Based on the review, it was determined that Hunt Telecommunications LLC over invoiced USAC for internal connections. This resulted in an overpayment of \$727.36.”

The reviewer was contacted, and the corresponding emails are attached. The district sent evidence of 100% payment by the district for the three additional drops and NO FREE SERVICES WERE RENDERED (see documentation attached).

The reviewer advised the district to file an appeal since the case was closed, but to wait for official correspondence from USAC before filing.

An appeal was filed on 12/20/2017; however, it was filed under the “Case” area in EPC, which clearly list in the pull-down menu “Appeals.” The Case Number is 212723.

Since the filing of the appeal, the EPC account administrator and IT director has retired. Attached is a COMAD letter (second notice) that was by the District and received on 3/26/2018. The first letter was not received.

Lafourche Parish School District is requesting a WAIVER of the 60-day appeal response; although the District did file a timely in the wrong section of EPC.

We urge USAC to remove the appeal option from the EPC “Case” area to prevent other applicants from making the same mistake.

Teri Lawrence, E-rate Consultant filing on Behalf of Lafourche Parish School District.